

WELCH WILL ASK CHANGE OF VENUE

Defendant Claims Sentiment in
Hamilton Is Such as to Pre-
clude Fair Trial.

Attorneys for C. O. Welch, charged with the murder of Will Massengale during the recent street car strike, are preparing a motion for a change of venue on the grounds that public sentiment is so strong in this county against Welch that he cannot receive a fair and impartial trial. The Welch case was set for Feb. 14 at first, and later, on application of counsel for both sides, changed to Feb. 21. Judge McReynolds was notified that a change of venue will be asked for and, as he stated it would probably take the entire day for the argument, he decided he would hear the motion Saturday, Feb. 22.

In the event the motion is allowed the case will, in all probability, be tried at Dayton, before Judge Frank Lynch and will be prosecuted by Atty.-Gen. Ben McKenzie, assisted by Assistant Attorney-General T. Pope Shepherd and Murray & Charles, Counsel for Welch. Hon. Clem Jones, at Athens; Eugene Williams and J. J. Lynch, of Chattanooga.

The law, in the event a change of venue is allowed, requires that the case be moved to the next closest county seat. This, however, will be Dayton, as there is a law regarding the population of a county which would prevent the case being moved to a nearer and smaller county. The law also allows the attorney-general or the assistant attorney-general of the circuit where the indictment is returned to assist the attorney-general of the county where the case is removed.

As an Assistant Attorney-General T. Pope Shepherd is familiar with the case he will assist the attorney-general of the circuit where the case is tried. Welch, it will be remembered, is charged with the murder of Will Massengale on Sunday afternoon on Market street during the street car strike. It is charged that Welch, who is United States commissioner at Athens, shot Massengale with a shotgun. At the coroner's inquest an attempt was made to implicate F. W. Hoover, gen-

Ask Government to Help Intern Immoral Women

Plans have been approved and forwarded to Washington which provide for the establishment of an internment camp here for immoral women. The proposal is that the Rotary club subscribe \$5,000 and the city and county each a like amount, the government agreeing to maintain the institution during the period of the war. Both the city and Rotary club have agreed to provide their shares of the expense.

A site has been picked out and an action begun on its purchase. Those interested, however, decline to announce the location until later. The establishment would be

constructed within a huge stockade and the buildings built on a unit plan so that they may be added to at any time. They would originally house from eighty to 100 women.

The idea is worked out along the line recommended by Capt. Knight and Capt. Kern. Since the concentration of troops here the problem of restricting immoral women has become more and more grave. Arrested by are immediate release on bond and are again at liberty to ply their trade. With this internment station all questionable women, especially those found to be diseased, would be interned during the war.

BILLION DOLLAR DEFICIENCY BILL REPORTED FAVORABLY

Washington, Feb. 14.—A billion-dollar urgent deficiency appropriation bill, the largest of its kind in the history of congress, was favorably reported to the house today by Chairman Shelley, of the appropriations committee. Consideration of the bill, which provides for the immediate needs of the war, navy and other departments, is expected to begin in the house tomorrow. Among the items included in the bill are: \$1,000,000,000 for the purchase of ordnance; \$1,000,000,000 for the purchase of munitions; \$1,000,000,000 for the purchase of food; \$1,000,000,000 for the purchase of clothing; \$1,000,000,000 for the purchase of shelter; \$1,000,000,000 for the purchase of transportation; \$1,000,000,000 for the purchase of communication; \$1,000,000,000 for the purchase of medical supplies; \$1,000,000,000 for the purchase of other supplies.

At his examination before the committee, Chairman Shelley's report said, Gen. Wheeler, of the ordnance bu-

reau, brought out that the government had an arrangement with the French to supply artillery and munitions to a certain number of American troops arriving in France, but after these units are supplied the United States would have to equip additional troops.

Mag. Gen. Squier, chief signal officer, testified the signal corps has spent or obligated all the \$640,000,000 appropriated to carry out its airplane program, and has incurred obligations that will equal \$90,000,000 in addition and may go beyond that for the present fiscal year. He asked \$277,732,000 to procure bombs for the airplanes.

Discussing storage and shipping facilities, Gen. Smith testified that approximately \$100,000,000, with authorization of \$50,000,000 more, is needed for storage of quartermaster supplies along the sea coast, including huge amounts for various ordnance depots.

Hoover Reports.
Federal Food Administrator Hoover said the combined food and fuel administrators so far have had total appropriations of \$5,515,000, out of which he has been an actual expenditure of \$1,935,429 and there are now outstanding obligations of \$2,272,353, leaving \$1,257,550 balance. He asked \$2,000,000 more now.

Provost Marshal-General Crowder, looking into appropriations of an additional \$10,000,000 for draft registration and selection, testified that there is a complete registration already for all aliens, including enemy aliens, between Jan. 1 and Jan. 31, on June 5 there were 1,200,000 aliens—not enemy aliens—between the draft ages of 21 and 30.

MUST TREAT COURT WITH FULL RESPECT

An attachment was issued for Ben Block, who is taxed with the costs of the court Tuesday morning and fined for contempt by Judge McReynolds. Block's father's insistence to have the case heard without having his boy, who was the prosecutor in the case, present caused Assistant Attorney-General T. Pope Shepherd to ask for an attachment and a fine against Block for contempt of the court.

"This man," continued Mr. Shepherd, "has told two or three different stories about the case. He first said that he didn't know anything about the case and now he gets on the witness stand and swears he does, and I want the court to fine Ben Block, his son, for contempt and tax the father the cost of the case."

An attachment was also issued for Ben Block, who, it is stated, is at Hattiesburg.

The case that caused the trouble was against Shelley Beaver, charged with the larceny of a bicycle from Ben Block. Before the case came to trial the first time in the criminal court Block left and went to Hattiesburg, where he is now working. The second time the case was called Block's father appeared in court and said that the bicycle was stolen from his son and that he knew nothing about the facts.

The case was then adjourned until Thursday when the case was called Block appeared and said he knew all about the case and was put on the stand and the case began.

Henson Schoolfield objected to all the testimony given by Block because he was not the prosecutor and knew nothing about the transaction, except what he was told. Mr. Shepherd then stated that he was the prosecutor and that he was not a party to the case. Mr. Schoolfield that Block's testimony was incompetent and, besides, Block had told several conflicting stories in regard to the affair.

At Mr. Shepherd's instance, Ben Block was fined for contempt and an attachment issued for him. The costs of the court was also taxed to the senior Block.

CONCERNING EGGS, THEIR RISE AND FALL

The question of eggs and their prices has caused considerable stir among the egg selling and egg eating public within the past two days. Produce dealers have been literally up in arms, and many have been the calls at The News by more or less peevish dealers who have a particularly large supply of the valuable fruit on hand. Comment was particularly focussed on an item appearing in The News Tuesday, announcing that eggs were being purchased on the open market at 24 cents per twelve.

In this particular regard, though many have asked that the statement be "corrected," two restaurateurs vouch for the fact that they purchased eggs for 24 cents and 25 cents on that day. One bought two dozen at 25 cents and two crates at 25 cents. The two dozen could hardly be called a wholesale quantity.

This case could scarcely have been isolated as the same buyers purchased according to their "sober declaration," eggs on the following day at 25 cents, and insist that they were offered eggs at this figure from several sources.

Thursday eggs appeared to be selling all the way from 35 to 50 cents, wholesale, supporting the natural conclusion that there is at present no "market price" that may be accepted as standard, and the question being either how much the buyer will pay or how much the seller will take.

When the announcement came that the gentle hens were to be conserved and that the shell commodity was to become abundant, prices simply became panic stricken. Produce dealers who kept up a bold face and protested equally vehemently against the intimation that there was a 35-cent

market, are said to have sold eggs themselves at cut rates, hoping to evade a loss when the market "formally" fell. Rumors were even current on good authority Thursday that eggs might be had, provided the buyer knew where to get them, at 30 cents. In view of the recent 75-cent values, the consumer will have to readjust his lenses to be able to comprehend the situation.

APPALLING CRIME NOT JUSTIFIED

A prominent man of Estill Springs, who came to Chattanooga Wednesday, in an interview regarding the burning of Jim Melherton at the stake by a mob of that little village, denounced in no uncertain terms the horrible crime. He said that the negro, who served death, but not in so barbarous a manner as meted out by the mob.

He said the case had been misrepresented and he felt it his duty to come out in defense of the citizenship and wanted only the facts published.

"Of course our best citizens disapprove of such barbarous treatment. However, most of them were in favor of hanging the negro, but did not want him burned."

"It was the most barbarous thing that ever happened in the little town. The mob began to gather from a distance of forty miles around and make plans for the cruel treatment of the negro, and began to devise every conceivable way to torture the victim. The negro was tied to a stake and a fire was built around him. Another fire was built to heat iron crowbars, which were jabbed into the negro's flesh. He would take his hands to ward off the iron, and this burned his hands into a crisp. The negro was to the very last threatening, heaping out curses and abuses on those present, and said if they would let him loose he would kill every one of them."

Cause of Killing.
"It was said that nothing could be given as the cause for the black killing the two men and wounding a third. The negro was standing on the sidewalk when the negro drew his pistol, firing over the head of a little girl passing, and the men who saw the negro draw his gun turned to run and were all three shot in the back. Two of the men were killed and the third, who was standing and the third ran for a short distance and fell. The wounded man, it is believed, will recover. The negro fired seven shots, six taking effect."

"The black was a dangerous character. All the colored people were afraid of him. He bootlegged, gambled, and was abusive to the colored race and mean as a dog to his family."

"The negro's body was left tied to the tree over night; neither the mob nor the colored people dare touch it. At 8:30 Wednesday morning the frame of bones was taken down and prepared for burial. It was said the black people of that community would not dare go about or ask for the body for burial."

"The citizens believe that the negro preacher incited the negro race to revenge, telling them not to let any white man run over them. Rogers and Corn were riding together and met with the negro preacher and asked him as to the truth of this statement, said to be uttered by him, and he smiled and denied it, and when he was getting himself into a close place, he drew his pistol to fire at Rogers and Corn, and a six shot him in the chest, and he was killed. Rogers and Corn were said to be two as good citizens as can be found in the county."

When asked why the women were present in the mob, as reported, the Estill Springs man replied:

"The women were not there to approve of the act, but went to arouse a sentiment against the negro race, but our best citizens did not approve of the awful, unspeakably cruel treatment."

"How many men were masked?" was asked.

"Not a man had a mask on. About 2,000 people were in the mob. I want to say one thing in justice to our sheriff, and that is this: I believe he did all he could to keep and preserve peace, but it was too late for him to do much. He was honest, he must be given justice, even if he did not do all he could."

TURNER AND LETOT PROVE GOOD CARD

Fight to Draw in One of Fastest Meets Ever Staged in Local Ring.

Joe Turner and Young Letot mixed it for eight brisk rounds at the Union Athletic club last night, giving one of the best boxing exhibitions of the year. The bout between the two fighters was a real draw, and the crowd was kept on its feet throughout the entire fight.

Turner certainly demonstrated one quality to the queen's taste, as well as to the taste of those who take a particular delight in the slugfest sort of melee, and that was his ability to take punishment. He very tantalizingly turned the other cheek to his pugilistic opponent and took the full force of Letot's right square in the map on several occasions, only to laugh exasperatingly, as much as to say, "Johnny has nothing worth wounding to give." This, to say the least, must be somewhat disconcerting to a pug who prides himself on the possession of a punch and only asks the opportunity to land.

Turner, too, had a nasty little left wing sweep and follow with the right to Letot's jaw. Nevertheless, Letot held his own, and no one can complain of the final decision, which was plainly evident, however, that the club is in need of a referee. Western plods through with an unchallengeable fairness, but misses much of the finer stuff and opportunities for a break that will turn the minutes from growing stale.

Young Jackson knocked out Johnny Janatas in the second round. Jackson was too speedy for his opponent.

The bout between Rowdy Sells and Jimmie Hanly was declared a draw. This was the opening fight.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY GIVEN IN HENIGG CASE

New York, Feb. 14.—By direction of the court and at the request of the federal district attorney, a jury in the trial for treason of Paul C. H. Hennig today returned a verdict of not guilty.

GOVERNMENT MENINGITIS EXPERT WILL INVESTIGATE SITUATION HERE

Dr. C. P. Knight, United States health officer, wired the department at Washington Wednesday night to send a meningitis expert to Chattanooga. The expert is expected to arrive in the city this week to make a thorough investigation of the cause of the spread of cerebro-spinal meningitis here.

Two more suspected cases of meningitis presented themselves before the health department Thursday. Last month there were about fifteen cases of meningitis in the city.

In addition to wiring the department for the expert in meningitis Dr. Knight sent a wire for 800 vaccination points to be used in this zone. The city department of public health also ordered 800 points. Just as soon as these arrive the department will require all people who have not been vaccinated to have it done at once. Besides vaccinating approximately 300 this year by the United States health authorities the city has vaccinated 15,000.

The smallpox cases that were reported Wednesday have been taken to the "smallpox boat" on the Tennessee river and strict quarantine was put on them.

Dr. Knight, in referring to the smallpox cases, states that there is no occasion to feel alarmed, but that he would advise those who have not been vaccinated within the past two or three years to have it done at once.

WORK LAUNCHED FOR YEAR 1918

President Jones, of Chamber of Commerce, Names Strong Standing Committees.

President R. C. Jones, of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, has appointed the standing committees for the year 1918. Several new committees were added to the list this year by the new president, including a sanitation committee with B. E. Loveman as chairman. The president, when he first entered his new office, stated that he wanted to make this year's work by the chamber of commerce the very best. In order to do this he has taken great pains in selecting each member of the committees. No person's name was listed on a committee until he was first consulted and agreed to do his share of the work.

The committees for the year 1918 in full are as follows:

Membership Committee—John Stagg, chairman; W. C. Johnson, Sam A. Conner, W. S. Palmer, R. B. Davenport and W. N. Jones.

Entertainment Committee—T. C. Thompson, chairman; W. E. Brock, C. S. Steward, H. C. Adler, C. A. Lyerly, A. W. Chambliss, O. K. LeBron, T. R. Preston, G. Fred Thomas, J. Read Voigt, O. B. Andrews, Mark Wilson, G. E. Milton, H. Clay Evans, J. W. Bishop, E. N. Wester, J. E. Lovell, E. S. Newton.

Public Utilities Committee—J. Read Voigt, chairman; T. T. Rankin, W. R. Long, J. Kent Boyd, Adam Haskell, O. K. LeBron, E. E. Mahoney, J. Fred Ferger, Marcus Schwartz, W. S. Taylor.

Proffering Committee—J. Kent Boyd, chairman; W. G. M. Thomas, Sam McAllister, M. P. Kenny, J. L. Newkirk, J. J. News.

Legislation Committee—J. J. Lynch, chairman; Willard Warner, J. S. Fletcher, T. H. McClure, B. E. Loveman, J. J. Mahoney, J. H. Cantrell, R. Callaway, J. F. Finlay, E. Wassman, C. A. Chambliss, Ed Finlay, S. E. Roddy.

Finance Committee—Morris E. Temple, chairman; Morrow Chamberlain, W. M. Elliott.

Advisance Committee—N. H. Grady, chairman; W. N. Jones, John R. Evans, J. Fred Ferger, J. E. Finlay, W. D. Gilman, B. E. Loveman, Will Long, W. E. Brock, J. H. Atwater, Lewis Burk, C. V. Brown, Isaac B. Merritt, R. E. Fawcett, Morris E. Temple, W. M. Elliott, John T. Owen, J. G. Burton, O. K. LeBron, H. E. Stoops.

Military Committee—W. E. Brock, chairman; T. C. Thompson, Newell Sanders, J. F. Finlay, C. G. Notting, W. E. Brock, E. E. Mahoney, Ed Davidson, T. M. Clemons, Charles Hardie, P. H. Cantrell, J. H. Persinger, W. B. Bender.

Sanitation Committee—B. E. Loveman, chairman; F. C. Bishop, Herman C. V. Brown, J. J. Wall, Paul Shepherd, D. P. Houston, S. S. Marchbanks.

Tennessee River Improvement Committee—H. H. Huston, chairman; C. Mitchell, Richard H. Gaston, Raoul Linus W. Llewellyn, John Stagg, M. M. Hedges, C. E. Buck, D. H. Wood, Jo Conn Guild, Phil Shugart, William Cason.

Program Committee—R. T. Faucette, chairman; W. H. Weatherford, Jack O'Donohue, W. H. Weatherford, W. D. Gilman.

Broad Street Committee—J. S. Fletcher, chairman; W. E. Brock, C. E. James, W. A. Sadi, N. H. Grady, Ed Fraser, J. E. P. Fort, E. E. Brown, Flood Prevention Committee—C. S. Andrews, chairman; A. J. Gahagan, T. C. Thompson, Fred Robinson, J. Read Voigt, D. C. Peglar.

Advertising Committee—P. J. Krueger, chairman; Stephen Doughton, E. Y. Chaplin.

Directors' Industrial Board—Fred Arn, chairman; J. Read Voigt, C. H. Huston, Z. C. Patten, Jr., R. C. Jones, C. E. James, W. E. Brock, A. J. Gahagan, J. S. Fletcher, J. H. Cantrell, S. B. Strang, R. G. Brock, H. E. Chapman, C. E. Bradish, J. C. Burton, J. E. Andrews, S. R. Read, S. A. Conner, P. M. Keys, Fred Bryan, Robert Hibbler, L. Landress, A. W. Taber, W. H. Dadds.

THRIFT STAMP OFFERED AS MEMBERSHIP REWARD

A thrift stamp will be awarded members of the Y. M. C. A. for every \$5 represented by the class of membership which they induce boys, young men or older men to take out. Any person securing ten new memberships a war savings stamp will be presented, in addition to the ten thrift stamps he gets as fast as he turns in the memberships. This plan, suggested at the end of one membership campaign which concluded Monday night, was ratified by the executive committee Wednesday. It is hoped by this plan to encourage a keen effort for new members, as every present member of the association is eligible to win the premium, thus accomplishing the double purpose of increasing the Y. M. C. A. enrollment and of contributing to the money needed by the United States to carry on the war. There has been so much thrift stamp propaganda in the schools of late that the youngsters are much attracted over securing the coveted stamps and filling up their books, so it is anticipated that the juniors especially in the Y. M. C. A. will hustle for new members and win stamps.

The committee extended a vote of thanks to everyone connected with the membership campaign for their faithful and efficient work, which resulted in securing 501 new members and renewals. The committee and Secretary Williams feel much heartened by this expression of approval from the citizenship. The new money resulting from the campaign will go a long way to reduce indebtedness, and the association will be of help to many more people. Finances of the institution are mending slowly but surely, and for several months all current bills have been paid promptly.

HOUNDS TRAIL SOLDIER TO BUNK

Private McIntosh Held at Park
for Murder of Ira Addy
Tuesday Night.

Private McIntosh, of Company M, Fifty-second Infantry, was arrested at Fort Oglethorpe Wednesday afternoon in connection with the murder of his bunkmate, Private Ira D. Addy, about 8:30 o'clock Tuesday night. An account of the crime, which occurred about three-quarters of a mile south of Chickamauga park, appeared in Wednesday's edition of The News.

McIntosh is in solitary confinement, and a board of officers of the Fifty-second Infantry is still investigating the case. This board has been busily engaged since Tuesday night and is expected to make a report of its findings today.

The revolver used by the murderer was not a regulation army weapon, but a .32-caliber gun, as has been discovered by the board of officers of the Fifty-second.

The investigation of the murder was started by the infantry of which Addy was a member. Col. Armstrong is the commanding officer. Provost guards assisted in the investigation.

Private Addy was shot at close range and his clothing was powder burned. A bullet entered his back on the right side and penetrated the heart. Still another bullet passed through his abdomen; his ear was grazed by a shot, and a discharge from the gun broke his right arm.

Bloodhounds of Perry Flippus were at first unable to scent a trail, but later, when fresh tracks were discovered, the dogs had little difficulty in getting the scent. After following a circuitous trail, the hounds finally stopped at McIntosh's bunk, then continued to the guardhouse, where the soldier was being held on suspicion. He had a bullet wound in his left hand. McIntosh was then placed in solitary confinement.

The last rites over the body of Addy were held from Chapman's funeral chapel at 3 Thursday afternoon, with Chaplain Deneen officiating. The body, accompanied by an escort, will be taken to the railway station for shipment Thursday night to Calhoun, Ga., home of the deceased's mother, where the interment will take place.

Another McIntosh.
Charles R. McIntosh, private of the quartermaster's corps, and who lives with his mother at 1315 South Beach street, and a native Chattanooga, requests The News to state that he is not the McIntosh charged with the killing of Private Addy in Chickamauga Park.

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Resources Over	15,000,000

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Leave Chickamauga for Chattanooga 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 p.m.
Leave Chattanooga for Chickamauga 8, 9, 10, 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 p.m.

SUNDAYS
Chickamauga to Chattanooga 7, 8, 9 a.m., 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 p.m.
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